GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:149
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2003
FREEDOM FIGHTER PENSION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of freedom fighters who have been granted pension during last three years and as on date, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of cases which came to the notice of the Government in regard to drawing of pension by providing fake freedom fighters certificates during the said period;

(c) whether the verdict of the High Court against the provision of Pension to the freedom fighter is likely to be challanged in the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): A State-wise statement indicating the number of freedom fighters in whose cases pension has been sanctioned by the Central Government during the last three years and as on date is enclosed (Annexure).

(b): During the aforesaid period, pension was cancelled in 252 cases after verification of complaints received regarding drawal of pension on the basis of fake certificates/documents, false information, etc.

(c) & (d): Whenever the verdict of the High Court against the provision of Pension to the freedom fighter is received, it is examined with reference to the facts and circumstances of the case, and Special Leave Petition challenging the order of the High Court is filed in the Supreme Court if considered appropriate in consultation with the Government Counsel and Ministry of Law.

Annexure

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.149 FOR 18.2 REGARDING FREEDOM FIGHTER PENSION.

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF CASES IN WHICH SWATANTRATA SAINIK SAMMAN PENSION HAS BEEN SANCTIONED D 1999-2000,2000-2001,2001-2002 AND 1.4.2002 TO 31.1.2003.

Sl.No	STATE/UT	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02	01.4.2002 to 31.01.2003
1.	Andhra Pradesh	28	02	01	03
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	00	00	00	00
3.	Assam	00	00	00	00
4.	Bihar	01	04	12	07
5.	Goa	00	00	00	00
6.	Gujarat	04	05	01	02
7	Haryana	00	01	03	00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	00	01	01	02

9.	Jammu & Kashmir	00	00	00	00
10.	Karnataka	03	06	04	04
11.	Kerala	23	19	09	77
12.	Madhya Pradesh	01	02	02	03
13.	Maharashtra	03	02	03	06
14.	Manipur	00	00	00	00
15.	Meghalaya	00	00	00	00
16.	Mizoram	00	00	00	00
17.	Nagaland	00	00	00	00
18.	Orissa	01	00	02	01
19.	Punjab	04	01	00	11
20.	Rajasthan	00	00	00	00
21.	Sikkim	00	00	00	00
22.	Tamil Nadu	01	06	01	00
23.	Tripura	00	00	01	00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	01	00	02	04
25.	West Bengal	05	06	03	00
26.	A & N Islands	00	00	00	00
27.	Chandigarh	00	00	00	00
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	00	83	00	00
29.	NCT of Delhi	00	00	00	01
30.	INA	10	00	03	00
31.	Pondicherry	00	01	00	00
	TOTAL	85	139	48	121